

BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REPRESENTATION COMMUNITY LEGACY

March 2, 2020, 6:30 pm Fire Station #108 Presiding: Mayor Dan Knopp

ATTENDANCE

Dan Knopp, Jeff Bossard, Carolyn Keigley, Jenna Malone, Keith Zuspan, Polly McLean, Barbara Cameron, Nate Rockwood, Lee Arnold, Wayne Dial, Dustin Dern, Randy Doyle, Dena Hull, Chad Smith, Karl Bryner, Renee Olson, Pam Roberts, Anne Christensen, Scotty John, Kera John, Henry John, Archie John, Jake Young, Lisa Romney, Zinnia Wilson, Jim Nakamura, Emily Gretskey, Robin Johnson, Tom Scutchinchi, Tyler Dallas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Mayor Knopp led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the February 2, 2020 Town Council meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5, 2020 – 9 am – MSD Offices - Pandemic Preparation

March 11, 2020 – 7:30 pm – USFS District Office – Winter Recreation Trails in Spruces

March 19, 2020 – 1 pm – Fire Station #108 – UPD Road Meeting

April 19, 2020 – 12:30-2:00 pm – Whitmore Library – USFS Quarterly Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dena Hull from Brighton noted that the trash container and the recycle dumpsters on the Brighton Circle are overflowing. She hopes there could be additional pick-up days scheduled because of the increasing visitation.

Karl Bryner from Mt. Haven asked that the dumpsters below Cardiff be the bear-proof roll-off type so that trash won't blow out and go into the river, and so that people can't put bulky items in.

Tyler Dallas, owner of Cold Creek Lodge and its surrounding buildings, advised the Council that they are all for sale, since he is moving his business to the valley. All have short-term rental licenses, except for the main lodge. He's optimistic that the short-term rental properties will sell, but the Lodge would need a CV Zone change in order to make it legal for a short term rental. It has 7 kitchens and 9 bedrooms. Its only current use is as a residence or a rehab facility. Mayor Knopp replied that the Council will see what the MSD and MPD positions are on the matter of a rezone.

Emily Gretskey asked about a recent news article on dogs being allowed in the watershed. Keith responded that it's probably Legislative HB245 that says dogs can be left in a vehicle in the canyon. It hasn't passed to the Senate yet.

BUSINESS

Rocky Mountain Power Franchise Agreement. Lisa Romney, Business Manager for RMP, noted that the proposed franchise agreement allows RMP to serve customers and use the rights of way in the canyon. She said she would provide a list of all the customer addresses for verification, so RMP can collect the sales tax and return it to the Town. Jenna moved (Keith seconded) that the Town Council shall pass an ordinance granting an Electric Utility Franchise and General Utility Easement to Rocky Mountain Power. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Ordinance will be sent to Lisa. Dan noted that the Town Council does not and will not institute a franchise tax or communications tax as many other cities and towns have.

UPD. Lee Arnold reported that the highest visitation day in February was Saturday, February 29, 2020, with a 5,047 car count. Sunday, March 1st had a car count of 2,700 cars. The Canyon Patrol is working on a sticker/pass program for residents that will allow access to the canyon on days when traffic is suspended. Short term renters could display a photo of the resident's pass. Council members expressed concern about the digital pass idea because it could be misused. Lee said they will discuss this plan at the Road Meeting to be held March 19, 2020 at 1 pm at Fire Station #108. They hope to have a plan in place before the next winter season.

UFA. Dusty Dern reported 37 calls for service in BCC, which included 13 emergencies during the month of February. In 2019 the annual total of calls for service was 248. In 2018 the annual total was 180 calls for service.

Calls for service are clearly escalating. Legislative Bills of concern include HB101 prohibiting hand held communication devices while driving. UFA drivers must sometimes use a radio/phone while driving. Other bills reference the UFA retirement system (HB173, SB5, SB53). The Legislature will close on March 12, 2020. Chief Dan Peterson was recently elected to the chair the SLVECC (Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center) Board of Directors. He will serve as Brighton's representative at SLVECC. Scott Ruff is the new SLVECC Executive Director. The UFA New Recruit Camp is currently training 33 people who will be ready for placement in June 2020. Dusty offered to take the Town Council on a Tour of various UFA facilities.

Canyon General Plan. Jake Young, Regional Planner with SLCounty, presented an update to the Canyons General Plan draft that will be presented to the MPD on March 5, 2020 at 4 pm at the County Complex North Bldg. Room S2-800. The CGP includes Big Cottonwood, Little Cottonwood, Millcreek, and Parleys Canyons. Six "themes" for each canyon include Land Use, Housing, Recreation, Transportation, Environment, and Economy. SLCounty will continue to provide regional planning services for the MPD, while the MSD will provide day-to-day planning services, code enforcement, short-term rental ordinance revisions and FCOZ revisions. Dan met with Kate Davies of the MSD Planning Department, who encouraged Jake to include an appendix in the CGP that provides a list of statistics and background data that will make yearly comparative demographic figures possible. Jake has the statistics and will add the appendix. Some canyon people feel that the Transportation section should be more specific, but the Town Council felt that the collaborative approach specified in the Plan allows for specific proposals that may present themselves. It is a general guideline, not a specific transportation plan. The CGP is a living document that should be updated regularly. This plan recommends year-round public transportation for both Cottonwood Canyons. Jenna moved (Jeff seconded) that the Brighton Town Council shall support the Canyon General Plan as currently drafted. Motion carried unanimously. Polly will draft a resolution if needed for the April meeting.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling Department. Pam Roberts, Executive Director of WFWRD, noted that the 2019 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results from 79 Brighton residents showed that 83% were satisfied with the WFWRD services. 89% felt that the District collection frequency is adequate. 85% felt that the collection facilities are well maintained. 100% are satisfied with the bulk waste trailer rental program. Currently WFWRD is asking for bids for a provider to maintain and collect from the compactor location. A new compactor will be in place by May 2020. Trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday each week. Pam later said that the trash pickup will be done 3 times/week during the high season December-March on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Recycling is picked up on Tuesday and Friday each week. The Cardiff Fork Container site will begin mid April-October. She will look into bear-proof dumpsters. WFWRD is implementing a "Waste Wizard" app that can be used to look up recycling information. Their Sustainability Team continues to offer recycling workshops for elementary schools.

Trails Discussion. Zinnia Wilson announced a meeting set for March 11 at 7:30 pm at the Salt Lake District Ranger Station (6944 S. 3000 East) that will consider winter recreation opportunities at Spruces to serve a growing public presence in the canyon. Dan noted that Brighton is eager to partner with the USFS in promoting a rewarding winter visitor experience and take some of the pressure off the Cardiff Fork sledding area.

MSD Planning. Jim Nakamura presented two staff-approved applications for short-term rental conditional use permits from the Armstrongs and the Gretsksys. Both structures have adequate parking, approved sewer and water permits. Council members discussed short-term rental issues briefly, hoping to revise the ordinance to stop huge gatherings and parties. It is probably through the business licensing process that Brighton might be better able to regulate this type of rental. Jeff moved (Carolyn seconded) that the Town Council recommend approval of the Gretsky and Armstrong conditional use application. Motion passed unanimously.

Feasibility Study RFP. Nate Rockwood reported there have been no bids for the study to date. He will keep trying.

UFA Interlocal Agreements. Polly reported that the UFA and UFSA is revising its Interlocal Agreement for all cities and towns to reflect the new weighted voting system: 50% vote by population, 50% vote by financial contribution. Brighton will be subject to the new 2019 agreement when it becomes finalized, but meanwhile is subject to the current 2008 Interlocal Agreement. A motion was made by Carolyn (Jenna seconded) that the Council adopt Resolution 2020-9 for the Town of Brighton approving Entry into a Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement to

Create and Govern the Unified Fire Authority and Entering into an Acknowledgment to be Bound by the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Creating and Governing the UFA. Motion passed unanimously.

Travel Policy Discussion. Polly and Keith presented travel policy guidelines from the MSD that give a government travel reimbursement rate for employees and Council members. Keith encouraged everyone to keep a log, and submit it monthly to Dan for payment. If possible, begin with January 1, 2020. A motion was made by Keith (seconded by Jeff) that the Town Council adopt a Travel Policy to include employees and Council members. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Committee Discussion. Polly suggested that instead of creating ad hoc informal committees, it might be best to follow OPMA guidelines. If committees are needed in the future, we can address them individually.

Transportation Discussion. Laynee Jones submitted a digital copy of her canyon Transportation Plan, which has a goal of increasing bus ridership. The BCC bus schedule frequency has increased by 30%. Ridership is up 48% this year. BCC will need more frequency next year. Also it would be great to have bus service in the summer. UDOT is planning to reveal their plan in the Spring of 2020. Carolyn noted that it would be helpful to put the word out 30 minutes before a road closure, so people don't have to drive up and then be turned immediately around. She also expressed concern about bus service for locals. Busses won't stop; rideshare is not available. This needs attention.

Building Permits. Polly presented a list of New Construction Permits compiled by the MSD. It shows 44 new single family homes; 13 of them had demolition permits before the new construction began.

Non-Binding Direction to SLCo on Land Use Matters. Polly has been working with MPD counsel Zach Shaw to seek ways that Brighton can provide input on land use matters to MPD Commissioners and staff. Possibly the County Council should adopt a Resolution about Town/County Planning interaction. Zach will draft a letter.

Compilation of Ordinances. Polly submitted the draft of Brighton's first town ordinances (Awesome!!!) Jenna made a motion (seconded by Carolyn) that the Town Council pass a Resolution to Adopt the Compilation of Ordinances as Amended. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor Knopp reported that he would like Brighton to have 4 seats on the MPD Planning Commission. Polly will speak with Zach Shaw, Deputy County Attorney, to see if that is possible. Dan met with Laura Briefer about the short term rentals and the ADU's being proposed in the Canyon General Plan. She said her agency would stand behind Brighton's efforts to limit density and development. Dan reported that he sits on the CWC transportation committee, and he hopes to get more frequent busses to the canyons. Also the Environmental Dashboard appears to be a helpful planning tool that will be ready later this year.

Keith Zuspan reported that the MSD is shifting its GIS reporting to a dashboard format also. Things like licensing, building permits, code enforcement will be tracked on a dashboard that's open to the public. MSD recently hired a communications specialist for websites, social media, bulletins, fliers, etc. Brighton can use this resource. He was contacted by the Animal Services Department, asking if anyone would like to serve on their board. He requested that this question be put on the April Agenda.

Jenna Malone reported BCCA members decided to attend a few meetings of the Granite Community Council's new committee dealing with Wildfire, Trails, and Private Property to see what the focus of the group will be and what plans they propose. Jenna is seeking an intern to help compile a directory for communications. She also asked all Council members to keep everyone in the loop about public meetings that deal with the Town.

Carolyn Keigley reported that the MSD was helpful to her with an illegal short-term rental issue in her community. Recently she wrote a letter to Legislators regarding HB283-Outdoor Adventure Commission Amendments. She urged lawmakers to include a representative from Brighton on the Outdoor Adventure Board. There was a UPD Training Session for Board members that she attended. The UPD is considering weighted voting (based on population and financial contribution), but it was tabled until April (thanks to Carolyn) to get more information about how the County funding for Canyon Patrol fits in. Others on the board agreed that some allowance should be made for small resort areas with heavy visitation.

Jeff Bossard reported that he was sworn in on the Mosquito Abatement Board of Trustees. The staff is in the process of updating their employee handbook, and seeking a new seasonal employee.

BCCA Report. Barbara Cameron asked for the Council's support for Census 2020. She would also like support for HB182-Noise Pollution Amendments, proposing that mufflers be included in the annual emissions inspection for cars. The next BCCA meeting will address preparations for the Covid19 Corona Virus.

Public Comment. Robin Johnson, part-time resident in Silver Fork, talked to the Postmaster in Cottonwood Heights about getting a post box in the canyon. He said if Brighton would provide the property and maintain it, the Postal Service would build a new set of mailboxes. She urged the Town Council to help find a place to build new boxes.

Karl Bryner reported that Pam Roberts is open to the roll-off wildlife bins. It would also be good to have recycle containers inside the Cardiff area and another inside Mt. Haven.

Tom Scutchinochi, a new resident at the Brighton Loop, commented on the loudness of the UDOT plows. They seem to be much louder than the permitted 80 decibel limit. Dan will speak to Jake at the March 17 Road Meeting

Future Agenda Items. Animal Services Board Appointee, Budget Cycle,

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Barbara Cameron, Acting Town Clerk
